# OUR ANCESTORS

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## Correlation with Our Ancestors

In Our Ancestors, page 2, I wrote: "Recognizing that the task is unfinished, I am writing as much of the story of my ancestors as I have found." After the volume was bound, I assembled a list of addenda and errata, noting them in my personal copy of the book. Then Terry Mensch did a useful study of ship passenger lists, which led him to the approximate date of the arrival of our immigrant ancestor, Heinrich Hoffman. Later, Lorna Rich, whose husband Elwood is a Mensch descendant, found the probable source of our Mensch ancestors in Germany. In 1992, two unexpected findings pushed me to write a supplement to the 1985 story of our ancestors.

The first unexpected finding was Fosselmann/Fusselmann And Allied Families by Alice Ann Askew, brought to my attention by Lorna Rich. That book led me to two additional immigrant ancestor families: Hess and Leibensperger.

The second unexpected finding was the book selected by the Pennsylvania German Society as Volume XXVI in their series of publications: Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America, by Annette Kunselman Burgert. This book identified my Carle immigrant ancestors, giving me a better account of that family than I had in 1985.

This information is far too much to be consigned to a pocket in the back cover of Our Ancestors. Therefore I am preparing this 1993 Supplement, hoping that it will reach those who have the 1985 book. To show how the Supplement relates to the book, I have prepared a new table of contents which shows both the 1985 chapters and the items in the Supplement. Items on pages identified by a number and a capital letter are in the Supplement. Pages identified by number only are in Our Ancestors (1985).

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# Our Ancestors: Mensch

[Supplement to Our Ancestors page 23]

Lorna Rich has found the probable place in Germany from which Nicholas Mensch came to America. In the protestant parish records of the small Palatinate village of Sulzbach she found the family of Johann Niclas Mensch and his wife Anna Margretha, including a son Johann Nickel. This son is probably our John Nicholas Mensch. The village is small, and the only map I know which shows it is reproduced on page 8 of Annette Kunselman Burgert's Eighteenth Century Emigrants, Volume II, The Western Palatinate.

This is what Mrs. Rich learned about the family of Johann Niclas and Anna Margretha. Johann Niclas was the son of Niclas Mensch. Anna Margretha was the daughter of Paul Schmidt, of Mertzweiler. They were married 26 October 1708 in Deimberg. The parish records of Sulzbach list seven children, all baptized in Homberg:

1. Anna Elisabeth, 28 July 1709
2. Anna Catharina, 15 April 1711
3. Anna Margretha, 19 February 1713
4, Johann Nickel, St. Mathai Day, (Sept. 21 1717)
5. a son, 1719, whose wife was Anna Marg.
6. Johann Adam, 1720, whose wife was Amalia.
7. Henrich, 21 December 1721, whose wife was Amalia

Sulzbach (now Herren-Sulzbach), Deimberg, Mertzweiler and Homberg are neighboring villages.

Christian and Sabina Mensch
(Lee Gable's 4-great grandparents)

[Replaces most of Our Ancestors, page 25]

My 1985 report about John Christian and Sabina (Hess) Mensch was based on information from two sources: The Mensch Genealogy which we now know was published by Frank W. Mensch in 1921, and research by Ann and me in church and civic records in Bucks, Berks and Columbia Counties in Pennsylvania. In 1992 Lorna Rich (Mrs. Elwood W. Rich) wrote me about Fosselmann/Fusselmann And Allied Families by Alice Ann Askew (Mrs. Richard G. Askew) of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The book is now out of print, but Mrs. Askew thoughtfully sent me copies of the chapters about the Hess and Leibensperger families, ancestors of Sabina Hess Mensch.

That information enables me to write about two more of my ancestral families: Hess and Leibensperger. It also provides additional information about Christian and Sabina Mensch. As a result I need to rewrite the beginning of my report about those two.

The History of Columbia and Montour Counties (p. 781) reports that Christian was born January 31, 1745 in Germany and that Sabina was born February 8, 1753 in Germany. The dates may well be correct, but each was born in Pennsylvania, not Germany. What we know about the early lives of these two is reported separately in chapters on the Mensch and Hess families.

Christian and Sabina were married some time between Easter 1768 and May 6, 1769, as we deduce from records of Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Both names appear regularly in the communion records of that church between May 6, 1769 and the fall of 1782. Four or five of their nine children were born in Bucks County. During the Revolutionary War Christian enlisted in the Pennsylvania Militia as a private, along with other young men of Springfield Township.

Mrs. Askew (page 136) reports that in 1781 Christian bought the 100-acre farm that had belonged to Sabina's father. This is her description of the transaction:

> From Deed Volume 173 pages 499-502, Berks County, dated 7 December 1781, Henry Hess of Eastern District , Berks County, yeoman; Melchior Weber of Northumberland County, yeoman, and Margaret, his wife; Philipp Fosselman, Lynn Township, Northampton County, yeoman, and Catharine, his wife; and Abraham Mensh of Springfield Township. Bucks County, yeoman, whose wife, Christina dieth, the surviving children of John Hess, deceased, sold to Christian Mensh of Springfield Township, Bucks County, yeoman (husband of Sabina Hess, a daughter of the above

> John) for consideration of five hundred pounds gold and silver money, the land left by their late father.

Just when Christian and Sabina moved to the District Township farm is uncertain. They paid taxes in Berks County in 1782. Their fifth child, John Christopher, was born December 2, 1782 and was baptized in Springfield February 2, 1783. After they moved to Berks County they evidently prospered. In 1786 Christian paid taxes on 200 acres of land. By 1791 he had 370 acres of land, 5 horses, 4 cows and grist and saw mills.

Christian and Sabina became members of Oley Hills Church, east and north of Reading. Four of their nine children were born in Berks County. We have found baptism records for Susanna and Sara. The last Oley Hills record for Christian and Sabina was communion on Good Friday, 1797.

After 1800 they drop from the District Township tax lists. At some point they moved to Columbia County. Mrs. Askew (page 137) reports the sale of their Berks County farm:

> 22 April 1806 (Book 173 pages 505-507 Berks County), Christian Mensh, farmer, and Savinah, his wife, of Upper Milford Township of Northampton County, sold to Abraham Mensh of District Township, Berks County, for the consideration of one thousand pounds in gold and silver, the above property.

Their Columbia County farm was a 400-acre tract just south of the Susquehanna River and east of Roaring Creek (see p. 75 for copy of 1876 map). Note that the area was then designated as "Mench District".

Assuming that they moved to Columbia County in 1806, Christian was 61 years old and Sabina 53. Their nine children ranged in age from about 15 to 35. At least five stayed behind when the parents moved. At least Peter (15) and John (17) moved with their parents.

What we know about these years leaves us with many questions. When, and why, did they go to Milford Township? What did they do there? Which Abraham Mensh bought the District Township farm in 1806: Abraham, the younger brother of Christian, whose first wife was Christine Hess, sister of Sabina? or Abraham, the son of Christian and Sabina? Why did they then move to the recently-opened land in what is now Columbia County? What role did their children play in these developments? All we can know for certain is that, as a family, they scattered. This is a summary of what we know of the children:

[continue with Our Ancestors, page 25
"- Adam remained in Berks County . . . ."]

# Our Ancestors: Carl

We are related to the Carl family through Catharina Carl Helwig, my 4-great grandmother. This information came from Joe and Betty Helwig, Joe being a descendant of Adam and Catharina Helwig. Catharina was a daughter of Theobald and Anna Marie Meer Carl.

## Johann Theobald and Maria Weiss Carle
(Lee Gable's 6-great grandparents)

These are the earliest Carl(e) ancestors we have found. Our information comes from a 1992 book by Annette Kunselman Burgert, Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America. Johann Carle was a shoemaker and citizen of Burbach (today 67260 Sarre-Union). On 6 September 1708 he married Maria, daughter of Melchior Weiss, a linen weaver in Niderstensel (today 57930 Fénétrange). They lived, at least part of the time, in Hirschland (today 67320 Drulingen). This, incidentally, was the same community from which our Bieber ancestors came.

They had five children, all born in Alsace:
1. Johann Heinrich, baptized 24 May 1711
2. Johann Theobald, baptized 26 February 1713
3. Gertrud, baptized 5 March 1715
4. Johann Theobald, baptized 30 March 1717 in Hirschland
   Sponsors were: Johann Jacob son of Johann Frölich, Hirschland; Frantz Ludwig, son of Joh. Peter Ponsin, church censor [church official] in Burbach; Elisabetha, daughter of Melchior Weiss, inhabitant at Niederstinsel.
5. Catharina Elisabetha, baptized about 1720.

Two comments need to be made about these baptism records. First, Johann Theobald, born in 1713, must have died as a small child. It was common practise when a child died young to give the same name to a child of the same gender born later on. Second, it is possible that the family moved from from Burbach to Hirschland not long before the second Johann Theobald was born.

In 1739 Johann and Maria migrated from Hirschland to America, arriving in Philadelphia on the ship Robert and Alice. On one passenger list Johann appears as Hans Leobald Karli, and on another as Dewald (D) Carel. At least two of their children, Johann Theobald and Catharina Elisabetha came with them. We know nothing of their life in America.

Burgert includes this notation about Catharina Elisabetha:
> Valentin Nungasser m. 3 March 1743 Catharina Elisabetha Carl, born about Michaelmas, 1720. Her father: Joh. Carl; her mother: Anna Maria, of Hirschland "in Nassauischen".

The Carl story continues with Theobald and Anna Marie Carl in Our Ancestors, page 50.

# Our Ancestors: Hess

The ancestry of my 4-great grandmother, Sabina Hess Mensch, was a problem I could not solve. In 1985 I wrote "we have found no records about her prior to her marriage". A 1992 letter changed that, when Lorna Rich called my attention to Alice Ann Askew's book Fosselmann/Fusselmann and Allied Families. The book is now out of print but Mrs. Askew sent me copies of pertinent chapters. Through Mrs. Askew's findings I now know who Sabina's parents and paternal grandparents were. I also have a brand new ancestral family. See Our Ancestors: Leibensperger.

## Thomas and Margaretha Hess
(Lee Gable's 6-great grandparents)

Thomas and Margaretha lived in the village of Ronneburg, "aus dem Hanauischen auf dem Ronneburg - meaning from the territory of Hanau on the Ronne fortress" (Askew, p. 133). I assume this is the Hanau which is about ten miles east of Frankfurt. They migrated to America in 1730, crossing the Atlantic Ocean on the Ship Thistle of Glasgow, Colin Dunlap Master. They "qualified" on the 29th of August. With them came their only known son, Johannes. He was born in May of 1717 ,and therefore was thirteen years old when they came to America. They evidently settled in the Berks/Lehigh County area of southeastern Pennsylvania, for that is where Johannes found a wife.

## Johannes and Anna Sabina Hess
(Lee Gable's 5-great grandparents)

In January 1740, Johannes married Anna Sabina Leibensperger, daughter of Hans Georg Leibensperger and his wife Catherine. Eight years later they bought a 100-acre farm which had been granted to Henry Hess by a warrant dated 11 December 1735 and surveyed on 31 October 1737. Henry did not comply with the conditions of the grant, and the Warrant and Survey became "utterly void". The land was on a branch of the "Perkimony" (probably Perkiomen) between Oley and Maxatawny in what was then the County of Philadelphia. Later the area became Eastern District of Berks County. The land document was witnessed by James Hamilton, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, and signed on the 12th day of December 1748 and recorded on the 16th of October, 1749.

By that time at least four children had been born to Johannes and Sabina, three dying while quite young. Later they had four other children. Johannes was on the Longswamp Township tax assessment list in 1754, 1760, and 1762. In 1768 the name of Sabina Hess appeared.

On 2 January 1764, when he was not quite 47 years old, Johannes made a will, describing himself as "very sick and

weak in body but of perfect mind and memory". He died that spring. His will was "proved on 7 May 1764 with letters testimentary granted to George Hime and Sabina Hess, executors therein named".

By terms of the will all property went to his wife Sabina, with the provision that if she married again the estate was to be shared among the children: Margaret, Catrina, Sabinah, Christena, and Heinrich. According to orphan court record Book 2 dated 12 August 1768, guardianship was arranged for the younger children. Sabina, then fifteen, chose Jacob Kaufman of Oley Township as her guardian. Jacob Kaufman and Caspar Cressmore, both of Oley, were appointed guardians of Henry and Christina, minors under the age of 14.

Changes took place quickly in the family. On dates that I do not find in Mrs. Askew's material, Margaretha Hess married Melchior Weber (Weaver) and Anna Catharine married Philipp Fosselman. Sabina, the daughter, was confirmed in Ziegel Church in Maxatawny Township on Easter Sunday 1768. By 1769,at age 16, she was married to Christian Mensch. Some time before 11 March 1771 Sabina, the mother, married Jonas Weber (Weaver). He was listed on the 1768 Tax Assessment as a single man in Eastern District, and as a married man in 1770, 1771, 1772 and 1773. Presumably Sabina and Jonas remained on the Hess farm.

Children of Johannes and Sabina are listed by Mrs.Askew (p. 137) as shown below. Material in brackets is provided elsewhere in the Askew book.

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| | i | Elisabeth Hess born 1741, died 1743 |
| | ii | Heinrich Hess born February 1742, died 1746 |
| | iii | Margretha Hess born 1 February 1745, married Melchoir Weber (Weaver). The naturalization of Melchoir took place at a Supreme Court setting on 1 October 1765. He was then of Hertford Twp. Berks County |
| | iv | Johannes Hess born February 1747, died 1747 age 6 months |
| | v | Anna Catharina Hess |
| 1. | vi | Anna Sabina Hess [born 8 February 1753, died 10 July 1829, Columbia County] |
| 2. | vii | Christina Hess [born ca 1755, married 30 August 1774 to Abraham Mensch, brother of Christian Mensch who married Sabina. Died 16 March 1826 Oley Township, Lehigh County] |
| 3. | viii | Heinrich Hess [Born 23 September 1757. Died 23 April 1831, Somerset County,PA. Married Mary Magdalena MNU] |

The story of Sabina Hess Mensch continues in Our Ancestors: Mensch, after her marriage to Christian Mensch.

# Our Ancestors: Hoffman

[Supplement to Our Ancestors, p. 66]

Terry Mensch, son of my cousins Carleton and Ruthe Mensch, used Ralph Strassburger's Pennsylvania German Pioneers to make a careful study of our German immigrant ancestors. He found the first edition especially interesting. It was published in 1934 as three volumes in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN SOCIETY, and includes facsimile signatures of our immigrant ancestors.

One of his significant findings was the approximate date of the arrival of Heinrich Hoffman in Phildelplhia - somewhere between 12 December 1754 and 7 October 1755. The signature of "Henrich Hofman" appears on the Captain's List (233A) of the ship Two Brothers, Thomas Arnot Master, from Rotterdam, from the Electorate Palatinate & Triers, Hapsburg. This listing is significant because it is the only Heinrich Hoffman to arrive in Philadelphia between Heinrich's birth in 1741 and his appearance on Berks County tax lists in 1762. The precise date of the landing is not given. The list appears, however, between arrivals on 12 December 1754 and 7 October 1755. It is a reasonable assumption that the Two Brothers arrived between those dates.

This immigration date makes it almost certain that Heinrich Hoffman and Elizabeth Christ came to America separately and were married here.

(The Hoffman story continues in Our Ancestors, p. 66)

# Our Ancestors: Leibensperger

In 1992 a letter from Lorna Rich (Mrs. Elwood M. Rich) alerted me to the book Fosselmann/Fusselmann and Allied Families by Alice Ann Askew (Mrs. Richard G. Askew). Not only did the book identify my Hess immigrant ancestors, it introduced me to a totally new ancestor family. Chapter XII, "The Leibensperger Family", begins with these paragraphs which recognize the sources of our information, and also show the setting of our Leibensperger family.

> This history of the Leibensperger family in early Europe was translated and then abstracted from the LEIPERSBERGER GENEALOGY in DEUTSCHES FAMILIENARCHIV which was researched and written by Hans Leipersberger, a retired Lutheran minister living in Jagstheim near Crailsheim, Germany in 1980.
>
> His work was to try to give an answer to the question about our origin insofar as our origin from the same cultural class and family circle is concerned. The main interest was directed toward the relationship and the history within the name family.
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> The line of descent has gaps especially as far as the time of the thirty years war is concerned which limited pursuing the fate of many of the name carriers.
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> About one kilometer from the present federal highway 14 to the north between the two small towns of Kirchberg-on-the-Jagst and Ilshofen, there lies a rather secluded place of Buch - a hamlet with five large farms and about thirty-five inhabitants. Today its church and political affiliation is with Triensbach, Crailsheim District. Up to 1938 the protestant inhabitants of the hamlet belonged to the parish of Lendsiedel although they frequently went to church in Ilshofen or Triensbach.
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> An inscription on the door lintel of the Rudolph Strecker house in Buch shows that it is the original home of the Buch branch of the Leibensperger family. It was built by Georg Simon and Anna Barbara Scherg in the year 1787. In 1670 the Scherg family had inherited the farm of Stephan Leibensperger by the marriage of Stephan Scherg with Anna Leibensperger.
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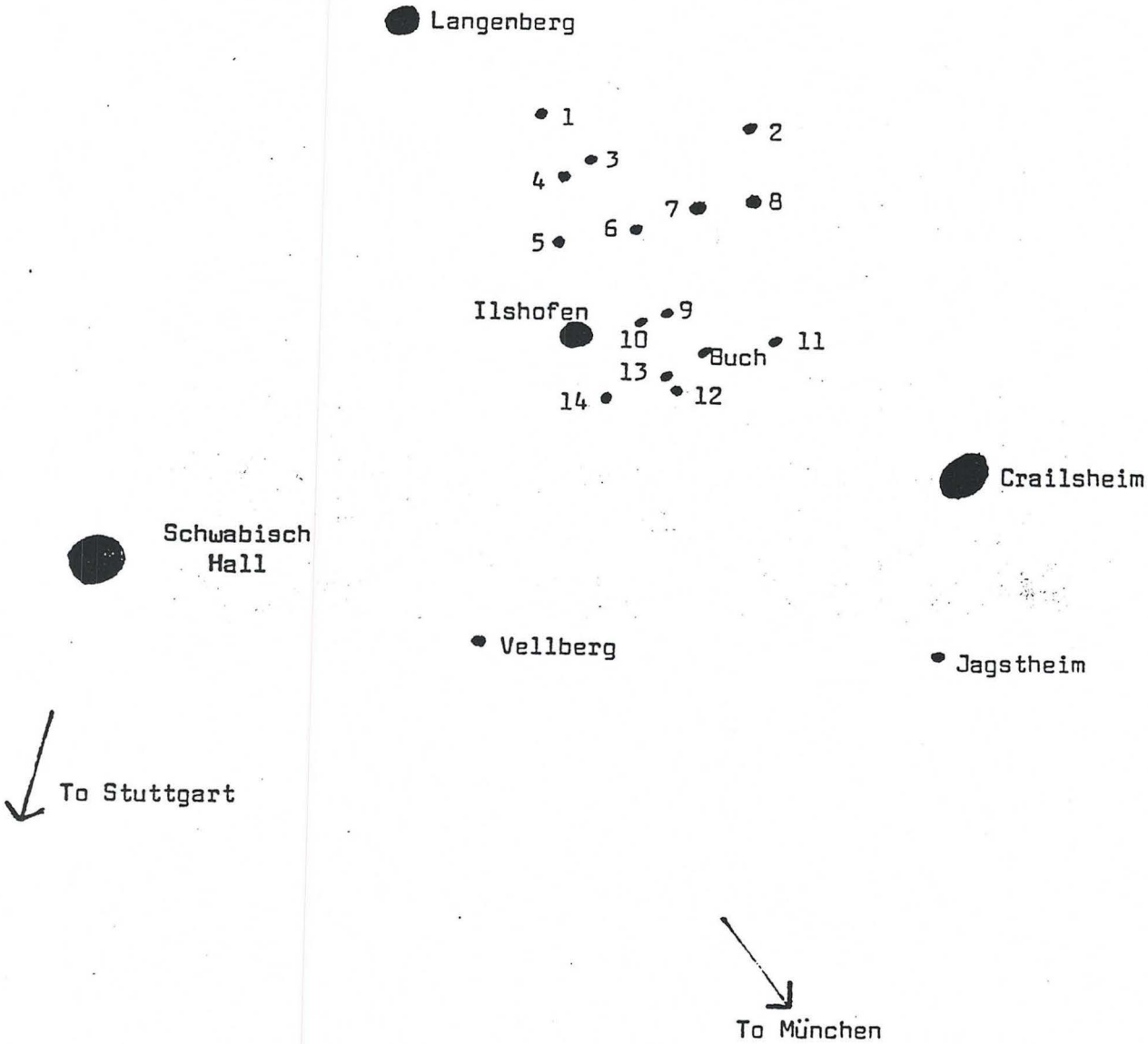
> During the middle ages, this farm together with other farms in the surrounding villages was a fee of the various Lords of Leofels. Leofels located about the Jagst valley is even today a castle ruin worth seeing and was built around 1230, around the time of Emperor Frederick the II probably as a free imperial castle.

[see map on following page]

DEUTSCHLAND

Domain of Württemberg




1. Elpershofen
2. Weckelweiler
3. Hessenau
4. Leofels
5. Ruppertshofen
6. Dörrmenz
7. Lendsiedel
8. Kirchberg a.d.j.
9. Klein Allmerspann
10. Gross Allmerspann
11. Triensbach
12. Ober Schmerach
13. Unter Schmerach
14. Eckhartshausen

At some time, probably before 1565, Balthasar Leipersperger moved to this farm.

Balthasar and Anna Leipersperger
(Lee Gable's 10-great grandparents)

The first mention of Balthasar Leipersperger in the parish register at Lendsiedel is the record of the baptism of his daughter Barbara on the 7th of November 1569. The informal social structure of the time, and also the difficulty for genealogists, is shown by the various ways in which the name of Balthasar was spelled: Caspar Leutperger, Hans Leiperger, Balthas Pintzelberger, Balthas N., and Alice Ann Askew has found still others. She concludes: "the main spelling in Europe was Leipersperger and in America the most predominate spelling is Leibensperger which is how I am spelling it."

The time when Balthasar and Anna came to the farm at Buch was after 1562, for on the Sunday before Burkhardt's day in 1562 Hanns Probst was on it. Hans Leipersberger discovered that, before the baptism of Barbara in 1569, three sons had been born to Balthasar and Anna. He concludes that they must have married and moved to Buch probably before 1565. Here is how Askew summarizes what is known about the family:

> Balthasar probably died at Buch in the time between 1592 and 1596. As it is still widely customary in the Hohenloher country, the youngest son, Josef, inherited his father's farm at Buch. The two older brothers and one of the sisters had married outside earlier. The youngest sister, Anna, helped her mother at home until she too married outside to Triensbach. Now finally, Josef himself married in 1598, Margaretha Spruegel, a farmer's daughter from the neighboring hamlet, Unterschmerach. At this time, it seems, the mother also died. The new generation was now alone.

The children of Balthasar and Anna:

i Hans Leipersperger born ca 1564 at Buch. Died before 1635 at Gaugshausen. Married 17 January 1592 Ilshofen to Ottilia Korbmann
ii Albrecht Leipersperger born ca 1566 at Buch. Died about 1637 at Michelbach a W.
iii JOSEF LEIPERSPERGER See below
iv Barbara Leipersperger born 7 November 1569 Lendsiedel
v Eva Leipersperger born 5 September 1571 Lendsiedel, died 9 April 1622 Gerabronn. Married Gerabronn, to Hans Krath
vi Margaretha Leipersperger born 8 October 1573 Lendsiedel died 1 November 1573, Buch
vii Anna Leipersperger born ca 1575 Buch. Married 2 March 1596 Triensbach, to Michael Holtzlein

Josef and Margaretha Leipersperger
(Lee Gable's 9-great grandparents)

This is how Askew summarizes the story of Josef and Margaretha:

> JOSEF LEIPERSPERGE on 31 January 1598 married Margaretha Spruegel in Ilshofen and inherited, together with her, the farm of the parents in law. He resided as of 1612 in Unterschmerach, however, he managed the farm at Buch as he did before.
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> Out of his seventeen children, Josef's son Steffan was the heir at Buch and his son Michael was the heir in Unterschmerach.
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> In 1622, Steffan, the heir at Buch, married a farmer's daughter in Oberschmerach. He had only one child, a son by the name of Steffan. When Steffan, Sr. transferred his farm to his son in 1650, he bought real estate in Kleinallmerspann and moved there. In his old age, however, he returned with his wife to the homestead at Buch where he died.
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> Steffan, the younger, married in 1650 and took over his father's farm. Of his eleven children, the oldest son by the name of Hans, married in Lendsiedel in 1672, a farmer's daughter from Weckelweiler but for some reason, perhaps a disagreement with his father, he did not keep the parent's farm but moved away with his wife - it is not known where. . . . When the mother died at Buch in 1696, the name Leipersperger disappears from Buch. It is replaced by the family name Schurg which still exists there.

The children of Josef and Margaretha:

i Thomas Leipersperger born 1598 Buch. He still lived with his wife, Elisabeth, in Buch in 1621 and also had a son by her, but he left the area and no more is known of him

ii Steffan Leipersperger born 1600, died 12 October 1673 Buch. Married 14 May 1622 Anna Meebs, daughter of Hans Meebs of Oberschmerach, and his wife, Margaretha

iii Margaretha Leipersperger born 12 August 1602 Lendsiedel Died 4 February 1641 Ilshofen. Married 20 February 1621 Ilshofen, to Adam Gross, son of Caspar Gross of Ilshofen.

iv Wilhelm Leipersperger born 30 August 1604 Lendsiedel. Married 7 May 1633 to Margaretha Shueppart, daughter of Christoph Shueppart of Obersontheim. Margaretha was the widow of Hans Spruegel of Grossallmerspann when she married Wilhelm.

v Josef Leipersperger born 7 December 1606 Lendsiedel. Died before 1614.

vi Barbara Leipersperger born 29 June 1608 Lendsiedel. Married 2 October 1625 to Georg Gentner, son of Hanns Gentner of Lorenzenzimmern
vii Anna Leipersperger born 7 February 1610 Lendsiedel
viii Apollonia Leipersperger born 11 September 1611 Lendsiedel. Died before 1622.
ix Ursula Leipersperger born 25 September 1613 Lendsiedel. Died young.
x Joseph Leipersperger born 6 October 1614 Lendsiedel. Died before 1618.
xi MICHAEL LEIPERSPERGER See below
xii Dorothea Leipersperger born 8 August 1617 Lendsiedel. Died young
xiii Joseph Leipersperger born 12 November 1618 Lendsiedel.
xiv Katharine Leipersperger born 19 December 1619 Lendsiedel
xv Leonhart Leipersperger born 25 April 1621 Lendsiedel
xvi Apollonia Leipersperger born 15 April 1622 Lendsiedel
xvii Balthasar Leipersperger born 20 June 1625 Lendsiedel.

Michael and Ursula Leipersperger (Lee Gable's 8-great grandparents)

This is Askew's summary of the story of Michael and Ursula:

> Michael Leipersperger born 2 May 1616 Unterschmerach, died 11 July 1663 Unterschmerach. Married 31 October 1637 Triensbach, Ursula Zimprecht born 1 August 1620. She died 1 April 1682, Unterschmerach.
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> Ursula was the daughter of Hans Zimprecht of Triensbach who was a school teacher and Dorothea Vogel. After Michael's death she married second Lienhardt Weinmann 24 April 1666 in Lendsiedel. Lienhardt was a farmer in Unterschmerach, son of Balthasar Weinmann, baker, and his wife Margaretha.
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> After Michael's early marriage in 1637,the farm at Unterschmerach was transferred to him by his mother. The house name became "Buch-Michelin". His oldest son, Stephanus, inherited the farm after his marriage in 1682.

Children of Michael and Ursula:

i Anna Maria Leipersperger born 27 April 1639 Unterschmerach. Married 10 July 1677 Georg Schenk, widower, of Echartshausen.
ii Margaretha Leipersperger born 22 April 1641 Lendsiedel Married 14 June 1670 to Hans Judenhut, widower of Oberaspach.
iii Dorothea Leipersperger born 12 May 1643 Unterschmerach. Married 3 November 1678 Balthasar Offenheuser, widower, of Merkelbach.
iv Michael Leipersperger born 3 February 1646 Lendsiedel. Died before 1650.

v Stephanus Leipersperger born 31 January 1649 Lendsiedel. Died 23 May 1693 Unterschmerach. Married 11 July 1682 Ilshofen to Ursula Leidig. Ursula was the daughter of Michael Leidig of Weckelweiler and his wife, Apollonia Ruger. Ursula was born 13 September 1661, died 12 March 1721. She married second in 1694 Jakob Sprugel of Ilshofen. She married third in 1697 Jacob Lay.

vi Michael Leipersperger, born 5 April 1650.

vii Barbara Leipersperger born 13 October 1652 Lendsiedel Died 15 February 1689 Unterschmerach.

viii Apollonia Leipersperger born 16 June 1654 Lendsiedel Married 27 February 1683 Oberaspach, Wilhelm Prazel, son of Wilhelm Prazel of Eckartshausen.

ix JOHAN JACOB LEIPERSPERGER see below

x Andreas Leipersperger born 4 April 1659 Lendsiedel

xi Johan Peter Leipersperger born 2 July 1662 Lendsiedel. Died 3 May 1701 Eckhartshausen. Married 30 January 1685 Lendsiedel, Anna Grater, daughter of Adam Grater, farmer in Eckartshausen and his wife, Apollonia. He took over the farm of his parents-in-law.

Johan Jacob and Margaretha Leipersperger
(Lee Gable's 7-great grandparents)

This is Askew's summary of their story:

> Johan Jacob was born 15 August 1656 Unterschmerach, died 2 January 1733 Ilshofen. Married 5 June 1683 Ilshofen, Margaretha Zorn who was born 8 September 1659 Ilshofen. She was the daughter of Jorg Zorn, day laborer of Ilshofen and his wife, Margaretha.
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> After his marriage in 1683, Jacob took over a rather small farm in Ilshofen. There is no record of his ever moving away so it is presumed he farmed his entire life on this farm.

Chiildren of Jacob and Margaretha:

i JOHAN GEORG LEIPERSPERGER see below

ii Anna Leipersperger born 30 October 1685, died 6 January 1717 Ilshofen. Married 5 February 1709 to Caspar Rappold, linen weaver, son of Caspar Rappold.

iii Anna Maria Leipersperger born 12 March 1688, died 1 March 1690 Ilshofen.

iv Johan Michael Leipersperger born 12 December 1689, died 17 February 1690 Ilshofen

v Johan Michael Leipersperger born 13 October 1691

vi Johan Caspar Leipersperger 5 November 1694, died 13 November 1694

vii Hans Jacob Leipersperger born 8 March 1696, died 29 March 1696.

viii Catharina Barbara Leipersperger born 24 July 1697, died 1 September 1697.

ix Johan Peter Leipersperger born 3 November 1698, died before 1731. Married 1728 Ilshofen, Eva Maria Roll who was born 5 October 1689 Orlach, died 18 September 1756 Ilshofen. She married second 1731 Johann Philipp Schurtz of Ilshofen. Peter became a merchant in Ilshofen, also was a hose knitter and a soap boiler. His daughter, the "merchant Mieli" married in 1758 the shoemaker Kohler of Ilshofen.

Jacob's oldest son, Johan Georg. emigrated in 1732 with wife and children to Pennsylvania and so the name begins in America.

Johan Georg and Catharine Leibensperger
(Lee Gable's 6-great grandparents)

This is from Alice Ann Askew's summary of the story of Johan Georg and Catharine, mostly quoted verbatim:

> Johan Georg was born 30 March 1684 in Ilshofen. He married his wife, Catharine, in an unknown place. As their marriage record is not found yet in Ilshofen we do not know her maiden name.
>
> In the record of Oley Hills Church (St. Joseph's), Pike Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania there is a brief record in the register, part of which says, "Anna Sabina, daughter of Hans George Leibensperger and his wife, Catharine, from Ilshofen in Wurtemberg .... came to America in 1732".
>
> To verify, we found in Strassburger's PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN PIONEERS that Hans Georg Leipersberger arrived on the ship DRAGON from Rotterdam via Plymouth which landed at Philadelphia on 30 September 1732. ....
>
> Nothing is known about where Georg was between the time he landed in 1732 and when he first received a grant of over 200 acres in 1738. This tract of land was in Oley Mountains which was then in Philadelphia County and was surveyed on 11 September 1740. ....
>
> Georg was also warranted tracts of land in 1745, 1748, 1757 and 1766 that bore names "Misfortune", "Resolution", "Georg's Addition","Georg's Plain" and "Young Orchard". Apparently these lands were in now Weisenberg Township .... now Lehigh County. ....
>
> The scarcity of records leaves many unanswered questions on our ancestor. Other than the above mentioned record in St. Joseph's Church, his name is not mentioned further in that register. But this was the church where Anna Sabina, his daughter, and her husband, Johannes

Hess, worshipped for many years. ....

We know of only two children of Johan Georg and Catharina but possibly there were more because of the gap between the birth years of Georg Adam and Anna Sabina. Possibly these are the only ones who reached majority:

i ANNA SABINA LEIBENSPERGER born in April 1717 near the Ilshofen area of Wurttemberg

ii Georg Adam Leibensperger born 29 September 1726, died 26 September 1799. Married 26 September 1749, Berks County, PA, to Catharina Barbara Kuntz, born 13 January 1730, died 25 September 1809. Both buried Ziegel Churchyard.

Our family story continues in "Our Ancestors: Hess" after the marriage of Anna Sabina to Johannes Hess.

# Ancestor Chart

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Chart No. 4A

Name of Compiler Lee J. Gable
Address P. O. Box 304
City, State Pleasant Hill, TN 38578
Date Januar y 1993

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 5 on chart No. 4.

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Date of Marriage
Date of Death
Place of Death

**1** Anna Sabina Hess
b. 8 February 1753
p.b. Berks County, PA
m. 1768 or 1769
d. 10 July 1829
p.d. Columbia County, PA.

**2** Johannes Hess (Father of No. 1)
b. May 1717
p.b. Hanau
m. Jan. 1740
d. 1764
p.d Berks Co. PA

**3** Anna Sabina Leibensperger (Mother of No. 1)
b. April 1717
p.b. Ilshofen, Germany
d.
p.d. Berks Co. PA

**4** Thomas Hess (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b. Germany
m.
d.
p.d Pennsylvania

**5** Margaretha (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b. Germany
d.
p.d. Pennsylvania

**6** Johan Georg Leibensperger (Father of No. 3)
b. 30 March 1684
p.b. Ilshofen
m.
d.
p.d Berks Co. PA

**7** Catharine (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b. Germany
d.
p.d. Berks Co. PA

**8** (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

**9** (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

**10** (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

**11** (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

**12** Johan Jacob Leipersperger (Father of No. 6)
b. 15 Aug. 1656
p.b. Unterschmerach
m. 5 June 1683
d.
p.d Ilshofen, probably

**13** Margaretha Zorn (Mother of No. 6)
b. 8 Sept. 1659
p.b. Ilshofen
d.
p.d.

**14** (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

**15** (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

**16** b. m. d. (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**17** b. d. (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**18** b. m. d. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**19** b. d. (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**20** b. m. d. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**21** b. d. (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**22** b. m. d. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**23** b. d. (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**24** Michael Leipersperger
b. 2 May 1616 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 4B)
m. 31 Oct. 1637
d. 11 July 1663

**25** Ursula Zimprecht (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 4C)
b. 1 Aug. 1620
d. 1 Apr. 1682

**26** Jörg Zorn
b. m. d. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**27** Margaretha
b. d. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**28** b. m. d. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**29** b. d. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**30** b. m. d. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)

**31** b. d. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)

John Christian Mensch
(Spouse of No. 1)
b. 31 Jan. 1745 d. 26 Dec (Oct?) 1826
p.b. Bucks Co. PA p.d. Columbia Co. PA

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# Ancestor Chart

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Name of Compiler Lee J. Gable
Address P. O. Box 304
City, State Pleasant Hill, TN 38578
Date January 1993

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 24 on chart No. 4A

Chart No. 4B

1 Michael Leipersperger
b. 2 May 1616
p.b. Unterschmerach
m. 31 October 1637
d. 11 July 1663
p.d. Unterschmerach

Ursula Zimprecht
(Spouse of No. 1)
b. 1 Aug. 1620
p.b.
d. 1 Apr. 1682
p.d. Unterschmerach

2 Josef Leipersperger (Father of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
m. 31 January 1598
d.
p.d Buch

3 Margaretha Spruegel (Mother of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 Balthasar Leipersperger (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
m. probably before 1565
d. probably between 1592 & 1596
p.d Buch

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Date of Marriage
Date of Death
Place of Death

5 Anna (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16
b. (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

18
b. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

20
b. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

22
b. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

24
b. (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

26
b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

27 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

28
b. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

30
b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

31 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

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# Ancestor Chart

80C

Name of Compiler: Lee J. Gable
Address: P. O. Box 304
City, State: Pleasant Hill, TN 38578
Date: January 1993

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 25 on chart No. 4A.

Chart No. 4C

1 Ursula Zimprecht
b. 1 August 1620
p.b.
m. 31 Oct. 1637
d. 1 Apr. 1682
p.d. Unterschmerach

2 Hans Zimprecht (Father of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

3 Dorothea Vogel (Mother of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

5 (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 b. m. d. (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
17 b. d. (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
18 b. m. d. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
19 b. d. (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
20 b. m. d. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
21 b. d. (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
22 b. m. d. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
23 b. d. (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
24 b. m. d. (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
25 b. d. (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
26 b. m. d. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
27 b. d. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
28 b. m. d. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
29 b. d. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
30 b. m. d. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)
31 b. d. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Date of Marriage
Date of Death
Place of Death

(Spouse of No. 1)
b. d.
p.b. p.d.

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# Ancestor Chart



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City, State Pleasant Hill, TN 38578
Date

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 5 on chart No. 7.

Chart No. 7A

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Date of Marriage
Date of Death
Place of Death

4 Johann Theobald Carle (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b. Alsace, now France)
m. 6 Sept. 1708
d.
p.d Pennsylvania

2 Johann Theobald Carl (Father of No. 1)
b. bp. 30 March 1717
p.b. Hirschland, Alsace
m. early 1740s
d. before 3 Feb. 1800
p.d Longswamp Twp, Berks Co. PA

5 Maria Weiss (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b. Niderstensel, Alsace
d.
p.d. Pennsylvania

1 Catharina Carl
b. 1 July 1746
p.b. Berks Co. PA
m. ca 1775
d. 12 Oct. 1819
p.d. Locust Twp. Columbia Co. PA

6 (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

3 Anna Marie Meer (Mother of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
d. 1811 or 1812
p.d. Longswamp Twp. Berks Co. PA

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Adam Helwig (Spouse of No. 1)
b. 19 Mar. 1746 d. 19 Aug. 1746
p.b. Berks Co. PA p.d. Columbia Co. PA

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 Melchior Weiss (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 b. (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

18 b. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

20 b. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

22 b. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

24 b. (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

26 b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

27 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

28 b. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

30 b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)
m.
d.

31 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

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# Addenda and Errata

Title Page - Add the following:
Johann Theobold and Maria Carl
Thomas and Margretha Hess
Johan Georg and Catharine Leibensperger

p. 45 - 7. John married February 8, 1855

p. 55 - Rebecca died July 22, 1898.

p. 58 - Andreas and Anna married October 20, 1716.

p. 64 - Catharine married Joseph Long, ca 1855.

p. 72 - George S. Toth, Jr., was born November 13, 1934.

p. 74 - Add 14. John Beaver and Anna Derr Beaver

p. 76 - Place 14 in circle near "J. Beaver", between #11 and #13

p. 77 - Rebecca Helwig died 22 July 1898 (61-6-17)

p. 80 - Add to Chart 4:
16 Johann Niclas Mensch, son of Niclas Mensch
m. 26 October 1708

17 Anna Margretha Schmidt
daughter of Paul Schmidt